

LEON COUNTY'S WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDE



Garbage • Recycling • Yard Waste • Electronics • Bulk Collections



Leon County Solid Waste
(850) 606-1800

Leon County's Solid Waste and Recycling Programs & Services

This guide is for unincorporated Leon County residents. If you utilize City of Tallahassee Utilities, please contact the City of Tallahassee for information regarding their solid waste services.

Contacts

Leon County Solid Waste

7550 Apalachee Pkwy
Tallahassee, FL
(850) 606-1800
Hours: Mon-Sat, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
www.LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste

City of Tallahassee Solid Waste

435 N. Macomb Street
Tallahassee, FL
(850) 891-4968
Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
www.TalGov.com

Leon County Recycling and Sustainability

1907 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL
(850) 606-5000
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling
www.GrowingGreen.org

Marpan Recycling

6020 Woodville Highway
Tallahassee, FL
(850) 216-1006
www.Marpan.com

Leon County Hazardous Waste Center

7550 Apalachee Pkwy
Tallahassee, FL
(850) 606-1803
Hours: Mon-Sat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
www.LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW

Waste Pro

Solid Waste Collection Contractor
264 Commerce Lane
Midway, FL
(850) 606-1899
www.WasteProUSA.com



Curbside Collection

Leon County residents can sign up for curbside garbage and recycling service via Waste Pro, the County's Solid Waste collection contractor.

On Your Collection Day

Please place containers at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on your collection day. Collection times are between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on your day of service.

Your day of service is based on your location within the County. Please contact Waste Pro (850) 606-1899 to determine your pick-up schedule.

How Often is Pick-Up?

Garbage, recycling, and yard debris are picked up weekly. All pick-ups will occur on the same service day.

Proper Placement

Garbage and recycling carts should be placed at least three feet apart and away from objects such as mailboxes and light posts.

How Do I Sign Up?

If you would like to sign up for curbside collection, or have questions or concerns regarding your curbside service, please contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899.



Bulk Collection

Call Waste Pro to arrange a bulk pick-up. Waste Pro will schedule your pick-up and give instructions on what day to place items at the curb. Your request will be serviced within seven days.

What Qualifies as a Bulk Item?

Bulk items include appliances, furniture, and other things that cannot fit inside your garbage cart.

Recycling

Curbside Recycling

Leon County has single-stream recycling, which means all recyclable items can go into the same container – no need to sort. Please place all recyclable plastic, paper, cardboard, glass and metal in the same bin. Keep items loose, do not bag recyclables.

Get Another Cart

If you routinely run out of space in your recycling cart, you may want to consider a second cart. One can be delivered for a fee of \$30 or you can pick it up yourself for no fee. Contact Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to place your request.

Plastic Bags and Styrofoam:

Plastic bags and Styrofoam are not recyclable in Leon County bins. However, most large grocery stores will accept these items for recycling.



What Can I Recycle?

No need to separate your items, they can all go into the same container!



Yes please!



Aluminum & Steel Cans



Newspapers & Magazines



Office Paper



Glass Bottles & Jars



Plastic Bottles, Cups & Jugs



Cardboard



Envelopes & Junk Mail
*including the ones with clear windows!

No thanks!



Styrofoam



Plastic Bags



Chip Bags



Medical Sharps



Juice & Milk Cartons



Paper Towels & Napkins



Lightbulbs & Electronics
*note: recycle at Leon County Household Hazardous Waste!



Leon County Office of Resource Stewardship
www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling

Recycling Drop-Off Locations:

- Renaissance Building (435 N. Macomb St.)
- St. John's Episcopal Bookstore (131 N. Calhoun St.)
- Miccosukee Rural Waste Service Center (13051 Miccosukee Rd.)
- South Lake Ella Drive, in main parking lot.
- Woodville Rural Waste Service Center (549 Henry Jones Rd.)
- Hilaman Golf Course (2737 Blair Stone Rd.)
- Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility (7550 Apalachee Pkwy.)
- Ft. Braden Rural Waste Service Center (2485 E. Joe Thomas Rd.)
- Tallahassee Solid Waste Services Office (2727 Municipal Way)

Visit www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling to learn more about recycling services and proper recycling methods.

Yard Debris

Yard debris piles should be no larger than 6 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide. You can have as many of these 6' x 4' x 4' piles at the curb as needed.

Please be aware that yard debris not within 6 feet of the curb may not be collected.

Individual pieces of yard debris should not exceed 6 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter. Yard debris that does not meet these specifications may not be picked up.

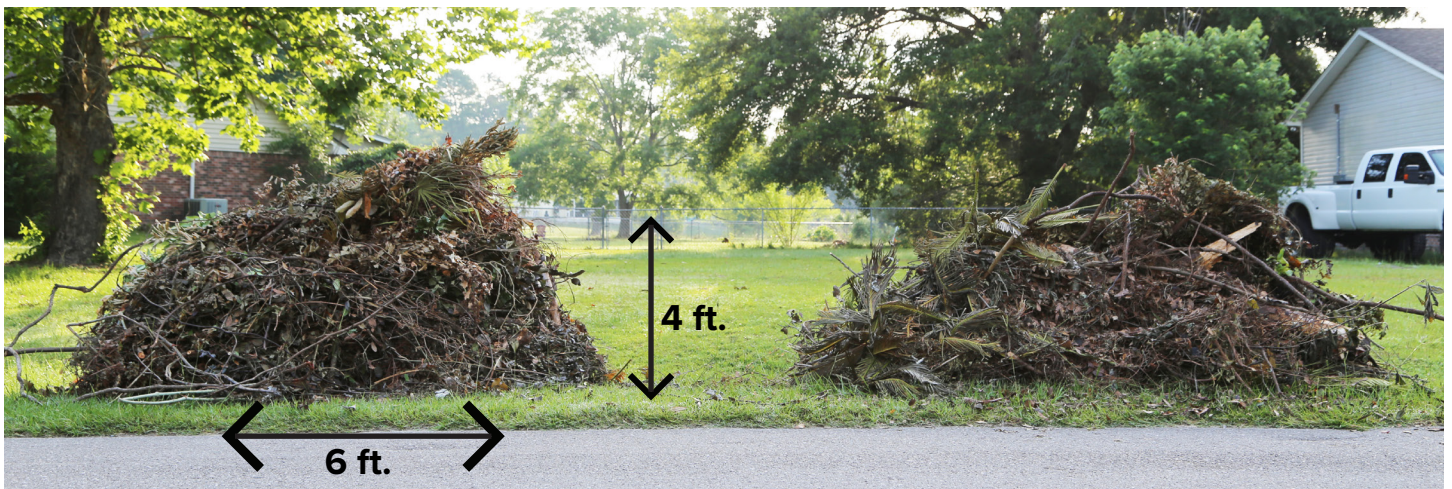
Residents may request to have a large pile picked up for a fee. Please call Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to arrange.

How Often is Pick-Up?

Yard debris piles will be picked up weekly on the same day as your general collection.

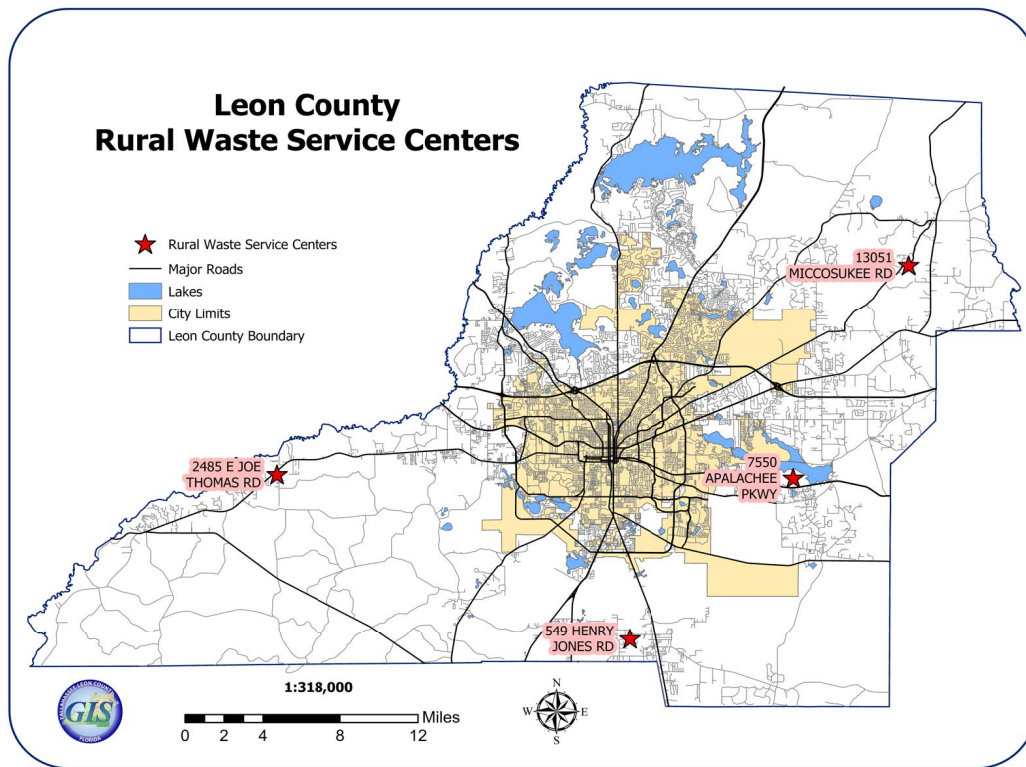
Skip the Plastic Bag

Plastic bags are not recyclable in Leon County and are difficult to remove from yard debris. The best option is to put loose items of yard debris in a sturdy container or paper-bag.



Rural Waste Service Centers

There are four Rural Waste Service Centers in Leon County, available for all County residents free of charge.



Locations

- **Solid Waste Management Facility**
7550 Apalachee Pkwy
Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(850) 606-1800
- **Woodville**
549 Henry Jones Rd
Fri: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. -5 p.m.
(850) 488-9099
- **Fort Braden**
2485 East Joe Thomas Rd
Fri: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(850) 488-9119
- **Miccosukee**
13051 Miccosukee Rd
Fri: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(850) 922-0097

What If I Prefer Curbside Service?

All Rural Waste customers have the opportunity to subscribe to curbside collection through Waste Pro for a monthly fee. Services include weekly garbage, recycling and yard debris pick up, as well as bulky pick up upon request. Call Waste Pro at (850) 606-1899 to learn more.

Household Hazardous Waste

When thrown away, many household products can pose a health risk and pollute the environment. Leon County residents can bring their hazardous items to the Household Hazardous Waste Center (7550 Apalachee Pkwy.) or the Household Hazardous Drop-Off Site (1800 N. Blairstone) for free.

Items Accepted at the Center

We accept items that are flammable, corrosive, reactive, toxic or contain electronic components. If you're not sure if something is hazardous, we encourage you to bring it anyway. If in doubt, bring it out!

Acceptable items include:

- Electronics (Televisions, Computers, etc.)
- Batteries
- Light Bulbs
- Paint, Oils
- Glue, Solvents
- Cleaner (Aerosols, Mildew Remover, etc.)
- Lawn and Garden Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Motor Oil and Antifreeze
- Gasoline, Kerosene, Diesel Fuel
- Propane Bottles and Tanks
- Tires (limit one per household)
- Nail Polish & Remover
- Hair Dyes

Business Hazardous Waste Collection

Leon County Solid Waste allows very small quantity generators (less than 220lbs of hazardous waste per month) to dispose of their hazardous waste at a lower cost than most commercial hazardous waste services. This can save businesses thousands of dollars in fees. Businesses will also receive documentation of proper disposal for their records. Businesses and other agencies must call (850) 606-1803 to make an appointment, Monday through Friday, to drop off their items at the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center (7550 Apalachee Pkwy.).



Prescription and Medical Waste

Prescription medicines and medical sharps should not be thrown away as regular trash because they can contaminate the environment, injure citizens and workers, or even end up in the hands of the wrong people.

How Citizens can Properly Dispose of Medical Sharps:

The Florida Department of Health in Leon County established a medical sharps disposal program in 2002. In order to participate, citizens must show proof of Leon County residency. Once approved, citizens will be given a free sharps container that must be returned once full. A new container will be given at no charge. You may pick up a free medical sharps container at the Florida Department of Health in Leon County's Office: 1515 Old Bainbridge Road. For questions, please call 850-404-6400.



How Citizens can Dispose of Prescriptions:

It is vital to properly dispose of unused or unwanted prescriptions in a way that is safe for the environment, other citizens and their pets, and for our waste workers. Properly dispose of medical waste at one of five permanent Drug Enforcement Administration-authorized collection locations:

- Tallahassee Police Department (234 E 7th Ave)
- Walgreens (1202 N. Magnolia Drive)
- Walgreens (3531 Thomasville Road)
- Walgreens (2009 W. Tennessee Street)
- CVS (5466 Thomasville Road N.)

These locations are authorized to collect unused prescriptions at any time. If the pharmacy closest to you is not listed above, you can ask your pharmacist about DisposeRX packets that will properly render unwanted medications unusable, allowing for safe at-home disposal.

Additionally, local organizations host two annual drug take back events—Operation Medicine Cabinet in April and National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in October. For more information on these events go to [DEA.org](https://www.dea.org).

*If none of these options are open to you, the EPA recommends placing the medication in a sealed container, mixing it with an undesirable substance like coffee grounds or cat litter, and placing the container in the trash. **Learn more at [LeonCountyFL.gov/medical-waste](https://www.leoncountyfl.gov/medical-waste)***

The Renew Center



Renew Center

Items such as household cleaners, wood stain, latex paint, etc., brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Center in good condition are placed in our Renew Center and are completely free for Leon County residents.

Free Event Recycling Bins

If planning an event within Leon County, citizens can borrow and use our ClearStream recycling containers for free.

Free Mulch

Did you know that yard debris is recycled into mulch? Free mulch, made from residents' collected yard debris, is available for County residents. Mulch is available in two forms: coarse mulch or fine mulch. Need help loading mulch into your vehicle? Call ahead at (850) 606-1800 for assistance loading mulch into your truck or open trailer. We are not able to load on all days. Mulch is available for pick-up at the Solid Waste Management Facility.



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Leon County Composting

In Leon County, an estimated 30,000 tons of food get sent to the landfill every year, which averages out to 200 pounds of food for every citizen. The good news? Leon County has two composting initiatives to help citizens, businesses, and organizations divert food scraps from the landfill and turn trash into treasure.

Compost Drop-off Site (Located at 7550 Apalachee Pkwy)

Residents can bring food scraps to drop-off into one of the 6 earth machine composters at the Solid Waste Facility (next to the mulch pick-up area).

Acceptable food scrap items include:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Expired produce
- Egg shells
- Paper napkins
- Coffee grounds

The compost bins cannot accept:

- Meat or bones
- Dairy
- Food cooked in oil
- Pasta and grains
- Coffee cups
- Bioplastics

Compost Bin Sale

If you are interested in composting at home, you're in luck! Leon County launched a pilot program to offer a compost bin giveaway and sale for interested residents, businesses, and organizations. Interest was so high that the initial batch of bins sold out in an hour! With the success of this program and the positive feedback from the community, Leon County is making compost bin sales a permanent program and offers Earth Machine backyard compost bins for the wholesale cost of \$38 (a \$60 savings from retail!) and counter-top kitchen compost collection bins (\$20) for all residents, organizations, and businesses. If you're interested in getting a bin but cost is a barrier, email sustainability@LeonCountyFL.gov and we will provide you a backyard compost bin and a counter-top kitchen composter for free.

If you're interested in purchasing a bin, please fill out the interest form on LeonCountyFL.gov/Composting.





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